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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Claims 1 to 25 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 13, 18, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Meyer (U.S. 6,859,346). Meyer discloses a slider comprising: a slider body (32) having a trailing edge (34) and a leading edge; a thin film structure (132) deposited in layers on the trailing edge, the structure comprising: a write transducer (23) configured to write data to a storage medium; and a non-thermally activated actuator (144,148) at least partially formed with the write transducer and configured to move the write transducer relative to the trailing edge. Notes figures 1d, 4a,4b, and column 10 – lines 1 to 27. The actuator can be considered to be at least partially formed with the write transducer in that the actuator flexures 144 also act as electrical connectors for the write transducer. Figure 4a shows conductive pads connected to the flexures which act as electrical connectors. The head may be a combination read/write head (figure 1d).

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 18 to set forth that the non-thermally actuated actuator is at least partially formed coplanar with the write transducer. The

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addition of the term coplanar does not define over Meyer as Meyers also discloses an embodiment (figure 5a) in which part 244 of the actuator is coplanar with transducer body 242.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer. Meyer discloses the write head formed over the read head as opposed to forming the read head over the write head.

Official Notice is given that in a combination read/write head it was known to reverse the ordering of the forming of the read head and the write head.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form Meyer to have the read head formed over the write head. The motivation would have been: it was well established in the art that order could be reversed with the combination head being of utility in either form as both read and write functions are retained.

It is noted that applicant did not contest the above taking of Official Notice which was originally set forth in the previous office action and thus applicant is considered to have accepted the taking of Official Notice as appropriate.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 25 is allowed. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 14-17, 19-21, 23, and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

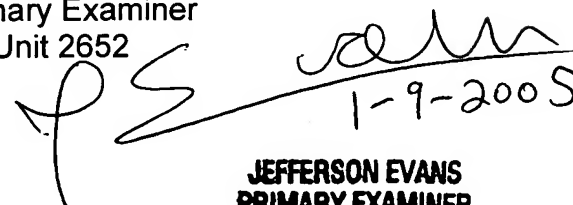
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferson A. Evans whose telephone number is 571-272-7574. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, A. L. Wellington can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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